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ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)
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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director
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1. ESTER CASAIS VISITED LILIANA VOGLER AT DEVOTO PRISON ON APRIL 10. MRS. CASAIS REPORTS THAT MIS VOGLER IS IN GOOD SPIRITS BUT PHYSICALLY POOR DUE TO A STOMACH PROBLEM.

2. MISS VOGLER LAST WEEK WAS TAKEN TO FEDERAL COURT AT CALLE LAVALLE TO MAKE A STATEMENT REGARDING THE BAD TREATMENT--SEVERE BEATINGS--SHE HAD RECEIVED WHILE DETAINED BY THE CORDOBA PROVINCIAL POLICE. THE JUDGE STATED THAT SINCE THE CLAIM HAD BEEN MADE ON MISS VOGLER'S BEHALF BY HER MOTHER, NOTHING FURTHER COULD BE DONE UNTIL HER MOTHER RETURNS TO THE COUNTRY. THE VOGLER'S FAMILY HERE HAS WRITTEN DIRECTLY TO LUZ VOGLER REGARDING THE MATTER.

3. MRS. CASAIS PLANS TO VISIT LILIANA VOGLER EACH MONDAY. HOWEVER, SHE IS CONCERNED THAT HER VISITS MAY BE INTERRUPTED AS THE 27 FEMALE PEN PRISONERS IN MISS VOGLER'S CELL BLOCK HAVE AGREED NOT TO SUBMIT TO THE FULL BODY SEARCHES SCHEDULED FOR

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THIS WEEK AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT VISITING RIGHTS WILL BE CANCELED.

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4. LILIANA VOGLER'S FAMILY CONTINUES TO BE EXTREMELY CONCERNED BY THE SEVERITY OF THE SENTENCE HANDED DOWN BY THE COURT IN RIO CUARTO. THE JUDGE RECOMMENDED A SENTENCE OF NINE YEARS. THE DECISION IS PRESENTLY BEFORE THE APPEALS COURT IN CORDOBA. (LILIANA VOGLER WILL COMPLETE THREE YEARS IN PRISON THIS JUNE.) THE FAMILY IS ESPECIALLY CONCERNED OVER WHAT THEY CLAIM IS THE APPARENT PREJUDICE AGAINST LILIANA, AS HER BOYFRIEND, WHOM THEY DESCRIBE AS THE PRINCIPAL IN THE CASE, RECEIVED A SENTENCE OF ONLY SIX YEARS.

5. EMBASSY COMMENT: COMPARED WITH OTHER SENTENCES ANNOUNCED PERIODICALLY IN THE ARGENTINE PRESS, MISS VOGLER'S SENTENCE-- FOR POSSESSION OF BLASTING CAPS, PROPAGANDA, AND ILLEGAL ASSOCIATION APPEARS HARSH. THE PUBLICITY GIVEN IN THE CASE, HER FATHER'S VIGOROUS EFFORTS TO HAVE HER RELEASED, AND HER REFUSAL TO COOPERATE MAY ALL BE FACTORS IN THE VERY SEVERE PENALTY PROPOSED BY THE PROVINCIAL JUDGE.

6. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT.
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